| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 13 | Meerut | 4147 |
| 14 | Baghpat | 2276 |
| 15 | Moradabad | 530 |
| 16 | JP Nagar , | 1518 |
| 17 | Muzaffarnagar | 4873 |
| 18 | Pilibhit | 1102 |
| 19 | Rampur | 337 |
| 20 | Saharanpur | 4329 |
| | TOTAL: | 54879 |

**Smart city project in Kerala**

367. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a).whether smart city project, an infrastructure facility for information technology companies to be set up in Kakkanad, Kerala by Dubai International City (DIC) is still in the anvil;

(b) if so, the present status of the project;

(c) the details including total investment and the conditions in providing land to the project;

(d) the status of the already established info-park facility in the same district in the light of smart city project; and

(e) if so, the details of Memorandum of Understanding of the smart city project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (e) Govemment of Kerala (GoK) have infonned that the Smart City project i$ conceived as a Joint Venture project between GoK and Technology Electronic Commerce (TECOM, a fully owned entity of Dubai Government promoters of Dubai Internet City-DIC). The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has not t>een signed.

- GoK has invested Rs.80 crores in Info-park and has built up 3,50,000 sq.feet of information Technology space which is sold out.
- GoK has also signed agreement with M/s Larsen and Tuobro who has taken 4 acres of land from Info-park to make a 5,00,000 sq.feet of built up space.

**TRAI's instruction on tariff structure**

368. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telephone tariffs for domestic (basic) telephone is comparatively higher than the mobile phone these days;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the TRAI has issued any guidelines to the telephone operators on the tariff structure for basic and mobile phones;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have any plan to remove STD charges fully and to introduce nation-wide local calls; and

(f) if so, the .'details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is flexibility in Tariff Orders to all cellular and basic service providers to fix tariff. A number of tariff options are offered to the subscribers by them. These vary in terms of combinations of monthly rentals, call charges and free call allowances. There are quite a large number of alternative plans/schemes in each service area. Therefore, it is difficult to say whether tariff for basic telephone is higher than that of mobile phones. On the other hand considering the monthly rental, free calls, local call charges etc. for an average subscriber the over all cost for domestic (basic) phone is cheaper than that of a mobile phone.

(c) and (d) The TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India) has issued several guidelines to the service providers from time to time regarding principles *e.g.* non-discriminatory, non predatory and inter connection